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**SUNDAY, AUG. 9, 1914.**

**TURNING TRADE.**

When the nations of Europe clashed, Germany boasted of more than five thousand merchant vessels, plying trade with a thousand prosperous ports. Since England has taken a hand, many German vessels have been captured, and within a few months, if the unequal contest proceeds, German merchantmen will be swept from the seas. England, also, will suffer; for, before the German navy is vanquished, it will give stern account of itself.

Heretofore, Germany and England have practically monopolized the trade of South America. With Argentine, Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia, the two nations have carried on an annual export business of approximately \$250,000,000.

By the inevitable turn of events, the United States, having the goods to sell, will gain most of this business, and the Panama Canal, to be opened the middle of the month, will help her hold it. Even when the European countries have settled their difficulties, they will be impoverished and wholly destitute of those means of carrying on trade that they have hitherto enjoyed; and it is doubtful if they will be able to recover themselves in the future.

**THE FINAL REQUEST.**

"About the middle of the forenoon, Mrs. Wilson stirred and called for Dr. Grayson. 'Doctor,' she whispered, 'I am going away. I want you to promise to take care of Woodrow.'

Seeking to speak of death, we are often baffled. Every phrase seems so brutal, so inept. But Mrs. Wilson's moment can be no more enduring than those last words of solicitude. On the brink of eternity, the torch of calm affection did not waver; and her fine courage will remain as a seal of undiminished comfort to those who survive.

**STATED EXHAUSTIVELY.**

In another section of today's issue of The Caller, Mayor Miller submits to the people an accurate survey of the city's water problem. He enters into a discussion of the merits of the two plans as a citizen having no possible ulterior interest in the decision that will be reached by the voters on August 25. He draws a definite parallel and submits exact figures. Every citizen should read the statement and reach his own conclusion. The time will be well expended.

Local color: the bloom on women's cheeks.

The mysterious is the natural misunderstood.

If the wages of sin is death, Europe is paying its wages.

Last accounts, Tommy Lipton was trying to rig up the Shawnee to personate a young duchess.

Huerta is a wonderful strategist. Retreating from Mexico, he had the good sense to halt at Jamaica.

Since Portugal has decided to help England, we suppose Lisbon will try to represent a militant earthquake.

When "Cyclone" meets Jeff McLeone, there's going to be less "Cyclone" and more Jeffersonian simplicity.

Secretary Bryan is now a full-blown suffragette. We mean that he is full-blown in the abstract. We could hardly imagine Secretary Bryan being full-blown in the lingerie sense.

**LEADERSHIP AND NUMBERS.**

How idle it is to contend that any one of the great European nations is braver or more determined than another! To argue that victory will perch upon the banner of one's personal favorite! Bullets have no nationality. Valor is universal. One man is as good as another, just so he can point a rifle and stand his ground. Neither skin nor bravery will count in the long run. Kipling's Fuzzy-Wuzzy, at his "one in the Sandan," was a first class fighter; but was crushed by numbers and superior equipment.

In Europe, there is hardly such a thing as superior equipment. Every contending nation is wholly prepared, absolutely determined. Numbers will count, and leadership!

Ah, there's the true test-leadership! It was what won for Germany in 1870, and what will count most in the present conflict, although Germany appears to be doomed by dint of terrible, united opposition.

Man for man, there is no better fighting force in the world than that of Emperor William.

**MR. COHN'S VIEW.**

Discussing the source of water supply, Herman Cohn says: "I am in favor of the ownership of the waterworks system by an outside party. I base my conclusion on these facts: When the city owns the water system, the consumers and taxpayers are paying taxes to keep up the interest on the bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the bonds, as well as paying the water bills, making a double expense, when one of that of paying the water bills only would be sufficient, provided the outside parties would give us good water service, acceptable to the city."

Does Mr. Cohn suppose that the city does not find use for all the money paid for water? Does he believe that the people would not have to pay interest and sinking fund charges for outside parties in addition to a handsome profit that would not be devoted to any municipal purpose?

**THE CONFLICT CENTERS.**

The greatest battle of the century will probably be fought around Liege. Because of favorable topography and transportation facilities, Germany appears determined to enter France through Belgium, where troops of the Emperor must face not only the Belgians, but the French and English. Desperate fighting has taken place, and German successes, from report, have been only temporary. If accounts are to be given credence, there are now over two hundred thousand men in and about Liege, with reinforcements pouring in from all sides.

Marcel Prevost, the famous French poet, has gone to the front. In battle, he will find more rhyme than reason.

Out of common decency, the European censorship should be made strong enough to cover Lainburger cheese.

Fort Worth Star Telegram Watch sporting edition for the latest war news." Is this meant as levity or wit?

The Dallas News mentions "Girls and Algebra"; on the theory, we suppose, that both are unknown quantities.

Owing to the noise in Europe, American millionaires may have a chance to pick up quite a few old masters at racket store prices.

Although Queen Mary is stiff-laced and something of a prude, we hardly think she would mind seeing Tommy Atkins run the Prussians naked.

Despite the fact that Mr. O'Possum parts the front of his name with an apostrophe, it's plain he's not Irish. No Irishman feigns death in an emergency.

Roosevelt counts on breaking the "Solid South." Unless funds are forthcoming, cheap cotton is likely to accomplish that before Teddy has a chance to try.

Germany is getting some magnificent training for the Olympic events scheduled to take place in Berlin; but it looks as if the field is going to be pretty badly cut up.

From the number of dead soldiers carted away yesterday, it was rumored that the sheriffs had captured Corpus Christi. This rumor was without foundation. All of the dead soldiers were blanks.

Great Britain includes aeroplanes, barbed wire, paper money and field glasses in her contraband of war proclamation. It's plain the list was compiled by anti-Amazons. Otherwise, mice would have headed the list.

**MARY ROBERTS RINEHART**

By WALT MASON



There used to be a foolish rumor that women have no sense of humor and can't inspire a smile; but Mrs. Rinehart's joyous stories, among other charms and glories, have won that's worth the while. Her "sense of humor" fairly bubbles, and makes a guy forget his troubles, his worries and his doubts; of all the cheerful books I've read, all which give me endless pleasure, her novels are my pets. The fiction fans, in various legions, throughout all sane enlightened realms, entrenched, surrounded now, when honest publishers are hinting that they are now engaged in printing another Rinehart book. That means another round of laughter, without distress or envy after a toke for the mind, a solace for the soul that's weary, a book to cheer day that's dreary, and ease the heavy grind. They say that Mary's coming money. I hope it's true; she's come to stay, should have a big reward, she came, this great and graceful writer who came to make the gray world brighter, animated by the hand.

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Walt Mason

Contrary to expectation, anti-viscetionists are not flocking to the aid of those poor New Orleans rats that are being so cruelly slaughtered just because they have had the singular misfortune to contract bubonic plague germs.

Claude Cahn declares that some scientist has proved that we only imagine we are here. Of course Claude is right. We only wish, though, that he could persuade the same scientist to have a bull-collector imagine us imaginary.

**Caller Called**

**WE SHALL THANK YOU.**

The Corpus Christi Caller does not see and a pet to describe what is seen. Almondine is helping Crystal Peoples to Eddie Valente pants, and the remainder of Texas is shipping uncharitable peachies to Corpus Christi, where they are causing dissension with the smooth cream underboobiness of it which tempts the southrons. The Caller will be invited to call again for sympathy the girls here ready this week to only gait but passing. Houston from

**A SOBER NAVY.**

It is claimed that Secretary Daniels has made the blue jackets life jackets, insulating, even if he did not up the yellowjackets when he promoted tickletoe staff in the officers' mess. Corpus Christi Caller.

It is declared by some who ought to know what they are talking about that the vanishing of Inquiry from the officers' quarters shipboard has been quietly pleasing to the enlisted men in the mess. Now, however, they are requested to leave their messes and go to the messes of the officers, which tempts the southrons. The Caller will be invited to call again for sympathy the girls here ready this week to only gait but passing. Houston from

**NOW FOR THE PROOF.**

Kings, Ferguson and all who might be seen and every bell man ought to be the admiral of the fleet.

Believing in their candidate and knowing that the primaries will settle the race for governor, stand closer together than do the Hall men and James Ferguson, at least will have no fault to find with the Nance Quin.

That is the way the Republicans should come in. It is time for the Democrats to stand back. And when they shall have triumphed they will have something to make them happy. They will have put the spunk out of the biggest bunch of politicians ever caught in one net. —*San Antonio Express*.

**IN DEFENSE OF PERKINS.**

Major Miss Harris of the Texas Industrial Commission has written to Governor Wilson, telling him that the proposed bill to prohibit the manufacture of tobacco products in the state of Texas would be unconstitutional.

The bill, introduced by Senator Ferguson, would prohibit the manufacture of tobacco products in the state of Texas.

Miss Harris said:

"The bill is unconstitutional."

Major Miss Harris said: